THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Government has not allocated any funds to the Bar Councils. It has set up a Committee for implementing legal aid schemes.

(d) to (f). The programme of legal aid and assistance is being implemented by the State Legal Aid and Advice Boards and also through the District and Taluka Committees set up by them. The State Legal Aid and Advice Boards maintain a panel of advocates to provide legal aid to the poor.

[*Translation*]

All India Judicial Service

*338. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up an All India Judicial Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to conduct an All India Judicial Service Examination in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSITCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). There being no All-India Judicial Service, question of conducting examination for it does not arise.

Trade between India and Hungary

*339. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand to continue the present arrangement of Generalised System of Preferences for Trade between India and Hungary;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). At the Tenth meeting of the Indo–Hungarian Joint Business Council in January 1992 it was suggested that India should continue to enjoy Generalised System of Preferences concessions.

It has since been indicated that the Government of Hungary does not contemplate any change in the existing arrangements.

[*Translation*]

Development of Handicrafts

*340. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR:
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA:

Will the Minister of TEXTIELS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the development of handicrafts in the country, State–wise;

(b) the extent to which these have been achieved, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government have received any scheme from the State Governments for providing financial assistance to the craftsmen/artisans for protecting the

traditional handicrafts in the country.

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). A statement is attached.

(c) to (e). No scheme has been received from State Governments for providing financial assistance to craftsmen/artisans for protecting the traditional handicrafts in the country.

STATEMENT

No State-wise targets are fixed for the development of handicrafts in the country. However the national level targets as fixed for the year 1991–92 and the achievement made upto January, 1992 are given below:

Targets		*Achievement (From April '91 to January '92)*
Production (Rs. crores)	13260	13050 (anticipated
Employment (Lakh persons)		48.25 47.50 (anticipated)
Exports (Rs. crores) Excluding Gems and Jewellery)	1584	1558.86 (provisional)

[*English*]

Sale of Dollars

*341. SHIR AMAL DATTA:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has stopped all forward sale of dollars to authorised dealers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether RBI has also suspended the spot sales to cover the dealer's forward transactions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (c). Yes, Sir. The Reserve Bank of India had on 19th February, 1992, suspended forward sale of dollars to authorised dealers and also spot sales in cover of forward transactions.

(b) and (d). The forward sale and spot